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COTOJI

THE BEACH!!
LOOKIE, LOOKIE, HIBARI-CHAN!
THE SAND...! THE WATER...!
WOW...
ZAZAAN (FSSH)
THIS REALLY IS A SURPRISE.
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT...
HANAKO-SAN!!
ZAAN (SPLASH)
THERE ARE EVEN REAL WAVES—
ABLO-RGH! OXΔ

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...ALL OF THIS...
...IS MAN-MADE...
ZAZAA (FSSH)
HANAKO-SAN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
MMN...I'M A-OKAY~!
SORRY. I GOT A LITTLE OVER-EXCITED.
OH HEY, THE WATER HERE ISN'T ALL SALTY!
DROWNING WON'T MAKE YOUR NOSE HURT AFTER!
WOOHOO!
...
HIBARI-CHAN!
LISTEN, LISTEN!
SAKU (CRUNCH)

...OH?
I HAVE THIS BAD FEELING ABOUT IT... THOUGH, THAT'S NOT ANYTHING NEW.
HONESTLY, I'D RATHER NOT GO IF I CAN HELP IT.
ZAWA (CHATTER)
I WONDER WHAT WE'LL DO? I CAN HARDLY WAIT!!
YOU KNOW HOW WE HAVE SUMMER CAMP RIGHT AFTER VACATION STARTS?
ZAWA
AWW, EVERYTHING'LL BE JUST PEACHY AS LONG AS WE ALL WORK TOGETHER!
.....
RIGHT, HIBARI-CHAN?
WAI (GIDDY)
THE SAME BOTAN WHO'S SO WEAK THAT SHE COLLAPSED FROM FIVE MINUTES OF STANDING DURING THE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY?
SHE'S LAID UP IN A BED IN THE NURSE'S OFFICE AS WE SPEAK!
HUH!?
BUT WHYYY!?
BOTAN-CHAN SEEMED SUPER-DUPER-PUMPED UP ABOUT IT!
WAI

!!
YOU MEAN IT!?
...SO I ALREADY TURNED IN MY PARTICIPATION SLIP.
I KNEW YOU WOULD SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
SIGH...
IF I SENT YOU OFF ON YOUR OWN, I'D END UP STRESSING ABOUT IT ANYWAY...
WE'RE GOING TO A FACILITY IN THE MOUNTAINS THAT TENNOMIFUNE ACADEMY USES FOR RESEARCH, RIGHT?
I WONDER WHAT IT'S LIKE?
むぎゅ
MUGYU (SQUEEZE)
"FOR RESEARCH"? THAT'S WAY TOO SHADY.
CALM DOWN ...!!
ACK !?
ALL THREE OF US, TOGETHER!
YAAAY! ♡♡
PAKI (GLOMP)

I GUESS THE ACADEMICS PROGRAM KIDS IN CLASSES 1 THROUGH 3 GET TO DO A STUDY SLEEPOVER IN SPECIAL CLASSROOMS HERE AT SCHOOL!
WAI (GIDDY)
WAI
WORKING HARD RIGHT FROM THE FIRST SUMMER BREAK, HUH...?
AND, AND! THE ATHLETICS PROGRAM KIDS IN CLASSES 4 THROUGH 6 ARE GOING TO THE BEACH!!
THEY GET TO STAY IN A SEASIDE LODGE! LUCKY, RIGHT~?
THE BEACH ...?
HMM...
IF YOU WANT TO GO THAT BADLY, WE COULD TAKE A TRIP TO THE BEACH.
BUT BOTAN—
ACTUALLY ...
...MY HEALTH NEEDN'T BE AN ISSUE.
SU (SWISH)
!

IN FACT, I WAS WAITING TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO THE BOTH OF YOU TO JOIN ME AT A SUITABLE BEACH...
...
PENDING ITS COMPLETION. ♡
ZAZAAN (FSSH)
HONESTLY, THIS IS AMAZING. WE'RE INDOORS, BUT THERE'S EVEN A BREEZE ...!
FUWA (WHISH)
I'M SO PLEASED THAT YOU FIND IT TO YOUR LIKING.
UFUFU. ♫

BECAUSE MY CONSTITUTION PREVENTS ME FROM GOING TO A REAL BEACH...
...MY YOUNGER SISTER HAD THIS FACILITY CONSTRUCTED FOR ME.
BUT IT'S TOO BIG FOR ME ALONE, SO I'D PLANNED ON OPENING IT UP TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AS WELL.
I'M GLAD TO BE ABLE TO ENTERTAIN THE TWO OF YOU HERE FIRST. ♡
HELP YOURSELF TO SOME TEA!
YOU HAVE A LITTLE SISTER, BOTAN?
Y-YES...
SHE MUST BE AWFULLY SWEET TO DO ALL THIS FOR HER BIG SISTER!
UNLIKE ME, A MONEY- AND TIME-SINK LOWER THAN A ROCK ON THE ROADSIDE...
...MY SISTER IS ATHLETIC AND ALSO CHEERFUL...
IF IT'S THANKS TO HER THAT WE GET TO HAVE THIS DAY AT THE BEACH...
...WE SHOULD AT LEAST SAY HELLO.
E-EH!?

AH... ERM...
MY SISTER HAPPENS TO BE AWAY AT CAMP FOR HER EXTRACURRIC-ULARS AT THE MOMENT...
N-NO ...!
THAT'S NOT NECESSARY ...!!
HUH?
あ あ あ あ っ
AWAWAWA (PANIC)
INTRO-DUCTIONS AREN'T— UM...!
OH, REALLY ?
WELL, IF SHE'S NOT HERE, SHE'S NOT HERE.
AWW!
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NEAT TO MEET YOUR SISTER!
DARN.
PHEW.
.....U-FU-FU-FU...

GOPOPO (GLUP)
EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT A REAL OCEAN...
...IT LOOKS LIKE ONE EVEN UNDERWATER!
OH, WOW...
ZABUN (SPLOOSH)
...
BUKUKU (GLUB)
SUMMER CAMP! I WONDER WHAT WE'LL DO?
AND WITH A TEACHER LIKE OURS ...
...THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE ANY NORMAL SUMMER CAMP.
GOPOPOPO
...BUT WE'VE ALREADY EXPERIENCED MOUNTAIN DANGERS FIRST-HAND...
I'D LIKE TO TELL MYSELF THAT THE MOUNTAINS SHOULD BE LESS DANGEROUS THAN THE SEASIDE...
GGG (ROAR)

AND HANAKO AND BOTAN BOTH SEEM EXCITED FOR THIS.
EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR HAS BEEN BEYOND MY WILDEST IMAGININGS.
THEN AGAIN, WHO KNOWS?
PAH!
ZA (SPLASH)
SAKU (CRUNCH)
SAKU
MAYBE I'LL FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE AND STOP GETTING SO WORRIED BEFORE THERE'S ANY REASON TO BE.
COME SWIM WITH—
?
HANAKO! BOTAN!
ZA (SHAFF)
...ALL RIGHT!

OH...
HANAKO-SAN IS RIGHT HERE—
WHERE DID HANAKO GO...?
ZAZAAAN (FSSH)
YOU'RE ALONE, BOTAN?
HOW MARVEL-OUS...!
SO THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO PLAY IN THE SAND!!
CLEARLY NOT!!
NEVER MIND!
I HAVE TO STAY ON GUARD. WHO ELSE WILL!?
ZAZAAN
PAAH!
HOW? HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
IT WASN'T A GAME!?
ZURURU (PULL)
FILL

PUAN (HONK)
WAI (CHATTER)
WAI
OKAY, BOYS AND GIRLS!
IT'S BEEN TWO HOURS, AND I'M SURE YOU'RE ALL JUST ITCHING TO GET OFF OF THIS BUS.
WELL, WE'RE ALMOST AT OUR DESTINATION~!
KACHI (CLICK)

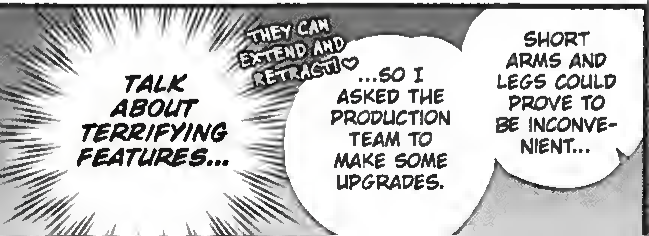
ZAWA
I-IS THE CAMP AREA REALLY THAT DANGEROUS, SENSEI?
ZAWA..
NO, NO, NOT AT ALL.
IT'S SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND, JUST IN CASE.
THE GENERAL ITINERARY WILL BE AS I EXPLAINED THIS MORNING.
HOWEVER, YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT MIGHT GO WRONG DURING THE HAPPINESS CLASS SUMMER CAMP!
PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE YOUR OWN FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE. ♡
ZAWA (MURMUR)
OH! THAT REMINDS ME.
SINCE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR ONE TEACHER TO KEEP AN EYE ON ALL OF YOU...
...I INVITED A WONDERFUL ASSISTANT TO HOP ONTO THE BUS WITH US!
HEY, HIBARI-CHAN! WANT A CHOCO-LATE?
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS...
CHOCO

PAKA (POP)
ZAWAWA
AN ASSIS-TANT ...?
UPSY-DAISY!
(KACHIN (CLICK)
KACHA (CLACK)
KACHA
WHAT!?
WAAAH!
TIMOTHY!!
WASN'T THAT RABBIT JUST A HOLO-GRAM...?
THIS BODY WAS DEVELOPED BEHIND-THE-SCENES FOR CASES SUCH AS THIS.
PLEASE GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO MY RAB-BOT ASSISTANT, TIMOTHY MK-II!
MUKU (SWUP)
... Mmn?
Are we there already, Sensei?

TIMOTHY'S GOING TO SUMMER CAMP WITH US!
THIS IS GREAT! ♡
I-I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S BACK! AND IN 3-D!
Okay! You got it!
I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD SAY HELLO TO THE CLASS FIRST.
WE'RE STILL A LITTLE WAYS FROM OUR DESTINATION.
Hello again, everybody!
-KA (CLICK)
I'm everybody's cute an' fancy ido!...
...rab-bot assistant, Timothy Mk-II! ♬
Nice to be here!
NOSO (SLITHER)

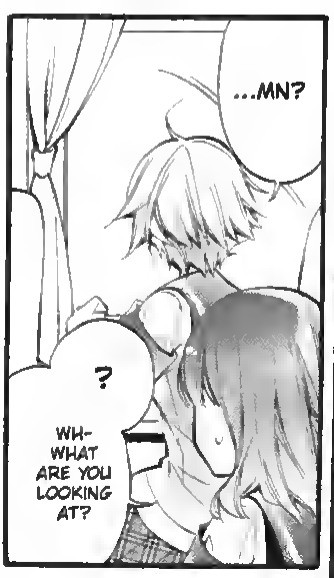
MONSTER-RRRR!!!!
GYAAAAH!
WAAAAH!
?
Monster? Where?
UWAAAAAAH!
STAY AWAAAY!
CREEPY!
GATAN (CLATTER)
DOTABATA (SCRAMBLE)

Oh yeah? Sorry, everybody! ♫
GOODNESS!
OH, TIMOTHY, YOU SILLY THING!
DURING THE EXAM, YOU LOOKED LIKE THIS. OF COURSE EVERYONE WOULD BE STARTLED BY THE CHANGE IN APPEARANCES!
SFX: ZAWA (MURMUR) ZAWA


TALK ABOUT TERRIFYING FEATURES...
THEY CAN EXTEND AND RETRACT!♡
...SO I ASKED THE PRODUCTION TEAM TO MAKE SOME UPGRADES.
SHORT ARMS AND LEGS COULD PROVE TO BE INCONVENIENT...

—WHEW.

THAT WHITE RABBIT IS SO DISTURBING IT'S NOT EVEN FUNNY...
TO DISTORT ONE OF REN'S FAVORITE ANIMALS LIKE THAT, IT'S SICKENING.
ISN'T IT, REN?
...YOU THINK?
IT'S PRETTY CUTE TO ME.


...MN?
?
WH-WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

LIKE...LIKE THE OLD FRIEND SITTING NEXT TO YOU RIGHT NOW!
OPEN YOUR EYES, REN!!
YOU'RE WAY TOO FOND OF ANIMALS — NOT JUST BUNNIES, BUT IN GENERAL TOO!!
YOU COULD GIVE SOME OF THAT TLC...TO SOMEONE CLOSER TO YOU...YES!
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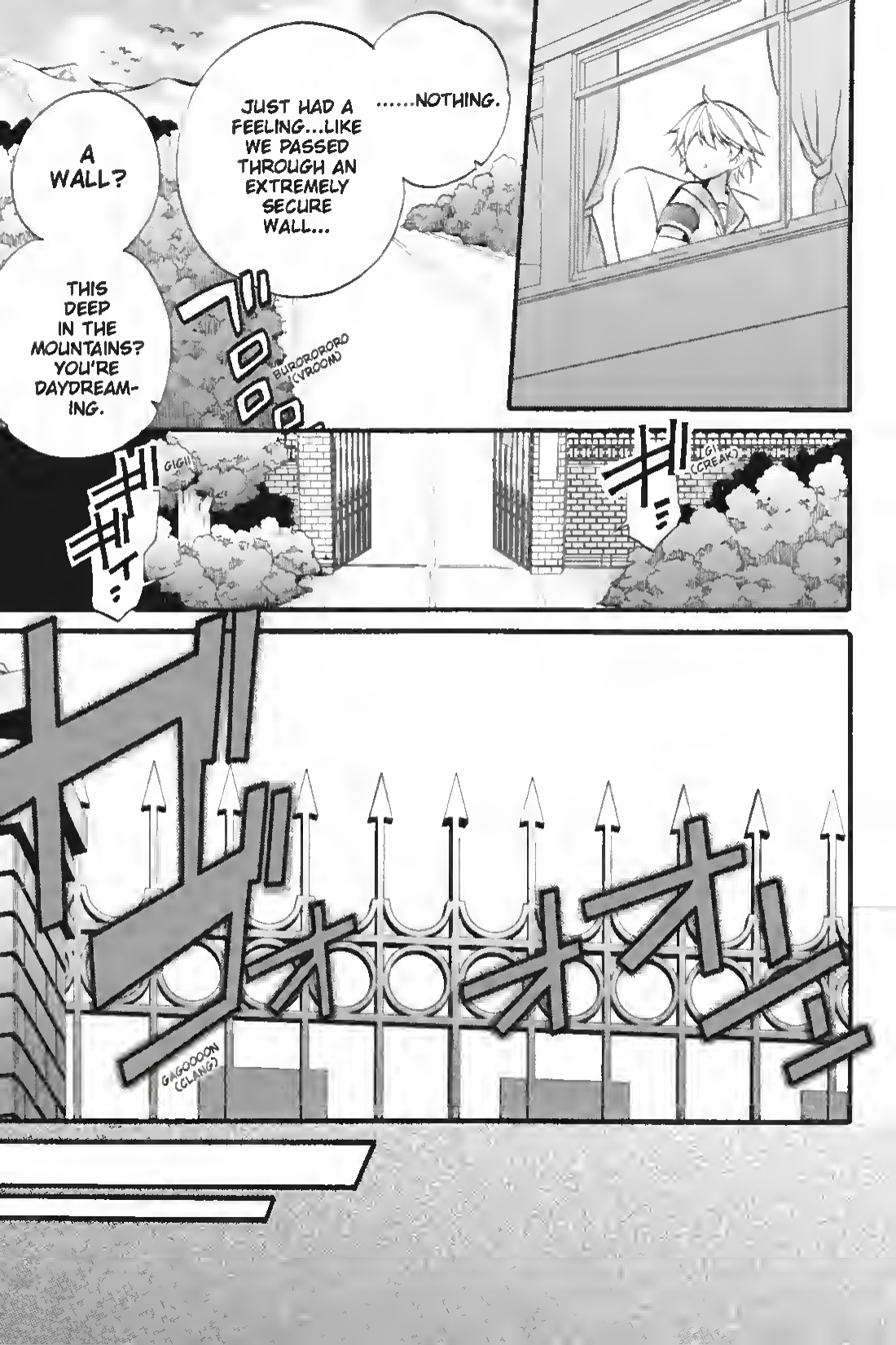
A WALL?
JUST HAD A FEELING...LIKE WE PASSED THROUGH AN EXTREMELY SECURE WALL...
.....NOTHING.
THIS DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS? YOU'RE DAYDREAM-ING.
BURORORORO (VROOM)
GIGI!
GIGI (CREAK)
GAGOOOON (CLANG)

WAI
WAI (CHATTER)
IT'S BEEN A LONG WHILE SINCE I LAST HELD A CHISEL.
CARVING A SIMPLE WOODEN CHARM...
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME MAKING ANYTHING LIKE THIS. ♡
I DID IT BACK IN PRIMARY SCHOOL~!
THE MEMORIES!
ME TOO, BUT...
WELL, I WAS AWFULLY BAD AT IT.

BE CAREFUL NOT TO HURT YOURSELVES!
TODAY'S CRAFT IS JUST A WARM-UP.
THERE'S NO PRESSURE, SO MAKE WHATEVER YOU LIKE~!
OKAAAY!
WHAT-EVER WE...
PIKU! (PEEK)
...L-LIKE...
わいわい
WAI-WAI (CHATTER)
TRULY? HOW UNEX-PECTED.
YOU HANDLE A KITCHEN KNIFE WITH SUCH GRACE...
?
わいわい
WAI-
THAT'S DIFFERENT!
OOOH, WHAT TO MAKE!?
チラッ
CHIRA! (PEEK)
MMN...

WHAT'S UP, HIBIKI?
.....
.....
WH—?
WH-WH-WHA—!?
DOKI (GASP)
NY...
NYOTH-ING!!
KORI (SCRAPE)
NO! CAN'T... DO THAT...
BUT HIBIKI CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE NOW...
BURU (TREMBLE)
BURU
KORI
KORI
KORI
REN
—SENSEI. I'M DONE.
OH? ALREADY?
LET'S HAVE A LITTLE LOOK-SEE...
THE LETTERS ARE NICELY CHISELED...
...BUT PLEASE CARVE THE WOOD INTO THE SHAPE OF THE OBJECT ITSELF, OKAY? ♡
OH. OKAY-

...
OH MY!
UHM...
WAI (BUZZ)
WAI
A FLOWER?
IT'S LOVELY. ♡
...I PICKED A SHAPE THAT WOULD BE EASY TO RECOGNIZE AND SIMPLE TO CARVE. THAT'S ALL.
WHAT ARE YOU MAKING, BOTAN?
UNFORTUNATELY, I LACK THE STRENGTH TO ADEQUATELY THRUST A BLADE INTO WOOD...
THIS IS ALL I HAVE TO SHOW AFTER AN HOUR OF WORK...
ONE NICK
...
TETEEEN (TA-DAA)
I'M ALL FINISHED —!
!!
EH-HEH-HEH! I MADE A TIMOTHY!
HIBARI
WOW... IT LOOKS JUST LIKE THE REAL THING.
WHY, HANAKO-SAN! YOU'RE SO SKILLED WITH YOUR HANDS!
BOTAN

GOTO (CLONK)
YOU THINK SO? THANKS A—
SURI (RUB)
PIKI (CRACK)
PAAAN (SNAP)
OKAY, DEARS! YOU SHOULD ALL BE FINISHING UP BY NOW, YES?
NEXT, WE'LL FIND GOOD THINGS TO SAY ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS' FINISHED PRODUCTS.
FILL OUT THIS COMMENTS SHEET AND...
THIS SUMMER CAMP...
DOES IT HAVE ANY CHANCE OF ENDING NORMALLY?

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HFF...!
ZAZA (THWSH)
!!
HFF!
HFF!
ZA
ビクッ
BIKU (JOLT)
HFF...
TEKU (WADDLE)
TEKU

I HOPE HANAKO AND BOTAN MANAGED TO STAY HIDDEN...
BOTAN CAN'T RUN. I'M WORRIED.
HFF...
AND WITH HANAKO, YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN.
THEN THERE'RE THOSE TWO...
キョロ
KYORO
キョロ
KYORO (WHIRL)
...
YESTERDAY, THIS WAS JUST AN ORDINARY SUMMER CAMP.
SO... WHY...?
WHAT DID WE DO TO DESERVE THIS —!?

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YESTER-
DAY—
SUMMER
CAMP
DAY ONE
WAI
WAI
(CHATTER)
I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH WRITING POSITIVE COMMENTS ON OTHERS' CRAFTS, BUT...
...THAT'S A LOT OF WORK WHEN THERE ARE AT LEAST THIRTY IN ALL!
...
WHEW.
YEAH, BUT WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE TEENSY DETAILS, YOU LEARN A LOT!

...BUT THEY'D ALWAYS RUN AWAY, OR BITE ME, OR ATTACK ME!
WHAT I REEEALLY WANTED WAS TO PLAY WITH ANIMALS...
THIS POOR GIRL ...
EH-HEH-HEH...YOU KNOW, I GUESS I DO!
DO YOU LIKE ARTS AND CRAFTS?
I USED TO PLAY WITH CLAY AND STUFF ALL THE TIME.
YOUR TIMOTHY WAS SO WELL-MADE.
KATSUN (CLOP)
—HM?
HMPH. YOUR CARVINGS ARE NEXT ON THE LIST, ARE THEY?
OH!
HI, HIBIKI-CHAN!
"-CHAN"!?
WH-WH-WHY, YOU!! WE ARE NOT THAT CLOSE!!!
HMPH... TEACHER'S INSTRUC-TIONS OR NO...
...TO THINK WE'RE BEING FORCED TO PRAISE EVEN SMALL-TIME CRAFTS MADE BY SMALL-TIME PEOPLE...

30 MARGUERITE DAISY
22 HOLE
HEH!
EVEN I REALIZE THEY'RE NOTHING IMPRESSIVE...
...BUT THAT ATTITUDE STILL GETS ON MY NERVES.
WHICH ONE IS YOURS, HAGYUU-SAN?
OH? YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN FROM HIBIKI'S SUBLIME ARTISTIC SKILLS, WOULD YOU?
SU (POINT)
WELL, CAN'T BLAME YOU.

SCARY!
GO
GOGO (RUMBLE)
GARA (CLACK)
OKAY, EVERYONE ...
HAVE YOU FINISHED FILLING OUT YOUR WORK SHEETS?
YOU RUSHED TO CARVE THE WHOLE THING IN THE LAST TEN MINUTES.
GOOD JOB FINISHING IN TIME THOUGH.
HEH...
THE THEME IS "LOVE AND SUFFERING"...
HIBIKI PUSHED THE CONCEPT TO ITS LIMITS IN THE DESIGN, AND THUS, THIS GLORIOUS MASTERPIECE WAS—

YORO (STAGGER)
TO.
!
BOTAN ...!!
DINNER BEGINS AT 6:30 IN THE HALL NEXT TO THE ENTR—
WAI (BUZZ)
ONCE YOU'RE DONE, TURN THEM IN TO ME...
...AND YOU'LL HAVE SOME FREE TIME!
WAI
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY... MAKING YOU WORRY OVER GARBAGE LIKE ME...
I APPLIED TOO MUCH FORCE, INJURING MY HAND A TAD... IT WAS NOTHING MAJOR...
WELL, THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR...
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD, OKAY?
THANK YOU...
I'M SURE THE BONES WILL RECONNECT BEFORE I KNOW IT.
BONES !?
...
I MADE THE RIGHT DECISION, COMING ALONG.

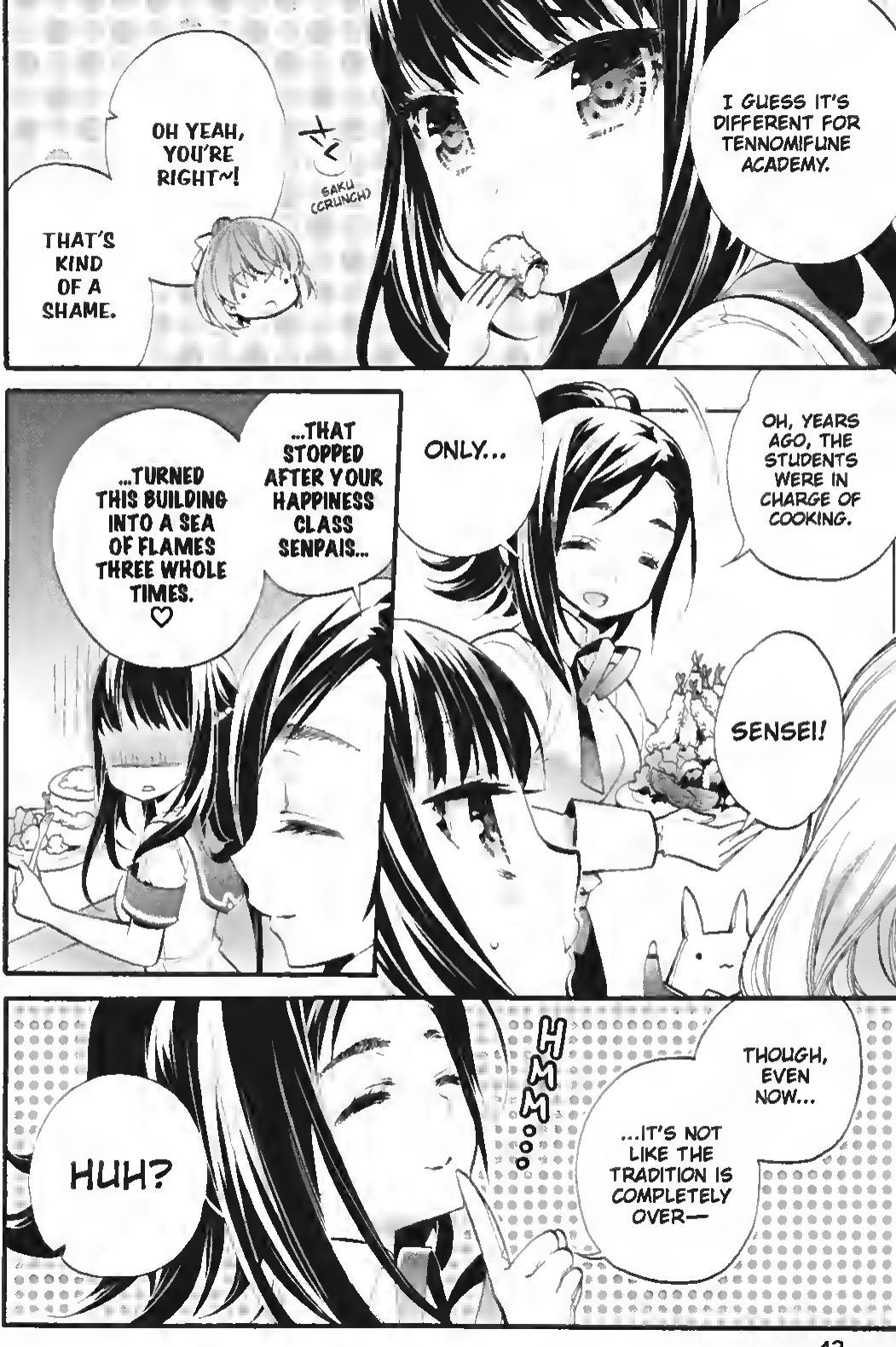
WAI
WAI
BUT, YOU KNOW—
EVEN IF THERE'VE BEEN A FEW ODDITIES ...
...THIS SUMMER CAMP HAS BEEN MORE ORDINARY THAN I EXPECTED.
I'LL JUST KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON HANAKO AND BOTAN, AND EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE.....
MAYBE ...
...BEING IN THIS CLASS HAS MADE ME HIGH-STRUNG LATELY.

JIIII
(STARE)
?
GOKURI
(SWALLOW)
SORO
(CREEP)
SORORI
(SNEAK)
!?
SHU
(SHWOOP)

That was an after-image.
You'll never pet me! Not in a billion years!
SU (ZIP)
OO.
SIRI...
SIRI... (INCH)

...BOTAN...
...CAN YOU HOLD A KNIFE?
ワイ
WAI
ワイ
WAI (CHATTER)
カタン
KATAN (CLUNK)
ザワ
ZAWA (BUZZ)
ザワ
ZAWA
I'M SURE I CAN MANAGE IF SOMEONE WOULD BE SO KIND AS TO SECURE IT TO MY HAND WITH BANDAGES ...
OH, YES...
I'LL FEED YOU~!
SAY "AAAH"! ♬
HA—
HANA-KO-SAN ...!

AAAHHM! ♪
AAAAH...
BUWA (TEARY)
FOR YOU TO BE SO UNENDINGLY COMPASSIONATE TO MY AWFUL SELF...
THE TWO OF YOU ARE NOTHING LESS THAN ANGELS...!
...M...
PAKIN (SNAP)!
I WENT AND GRABBED ...
...AN EXTRA FORK...
...AND ANOTHER FRIED SHRIMP.
HIBARI-CHAN! YOU'RE SO FAST!!
I THOUGHT THAT, AT MOST SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS...
...THE STUDENTS COOK THEIR FOOD THEMSELVES.
ZAWA
ZAWA


I GUESS IT'S DIFFERENT FOR TENNOMIFUNE ACADEMY.
SAKU (CRUNCH)
OH YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT~!
THAT'S KIND OF A SHAME.
OH, YEARS AGO, THE STUDENTS WERE IN CHARGE OF COOKING.
ONLY...
SENSEI!
...THAT STOPPED AFTER YOUR HAPPINESS CLASS SENPAIS...
...TURNED THIS BUILDING INTO A SEA OF FLAMES THREE WHOLE TIMES. ♡
THOUGH, EVEN NOW...
HMM...
...IT'S NOT LIKE THE TRADITION IS COMPLETELY OVER—
HUH?

AFTER THE MEAL, WE'LL CLEAN UP, TAKE OUR BATHS, AND THEN SETTLE DOWN TO BED.
I WANT TO MAKE A QUICK ANNOUNCE-MENT OVER DINNER!
OKAY, SWEET-HEARTS!
MOVING ON...
OH, I'M JUST TALKING TO MYSELF!
WHILE CHATTING LATE INTO THE NIGHT WITH ONE'S CLASSMATES IS ONE OF THE BEST PARTS OF THE SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE...
...I'M SURE TODAY HAS BEEN EXHAUSTING FOR YOU. SO MAKE SURE TO GET TO BED EARLY AND REST!
...?
YOU'LL NEED IT FOR TOMOR-ROW. ♡

...IT TASTES LIKE SHRIMP ...!!
THE FRIED SHRIMP...
BOTAN-CHAN!! HIBARI-CHAN!!
THIS IS CRAZY...!
UH...THAT WORDING... IT ALMOST SOUNDED LIKE SHE'S HINTING AT SOMETHING ...
WHAT DO YOU GIRLS THI—?
BURU (SHIVER)
BURU
EH!?
THERE'S FRIED SHRIMP THAT DOESN'T !?
WAI
.....
WAI (EXCITED)
BUT, WOW, WHEN YOU FRY SHRIMP, IT TASTES LIKE SHRIMP 'COS THERE'S SHRIMP IN IT! I NEVER KNEW!
MY MOM'S FRIED FOODS ARE ALWAYS PRETTY CHARRED...
OH WELL.
YES, INDEED. SHRIMP.

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TEE-HEE!
I CAN'T SEEM TO GET MY RIBBON UNDONE...
I'LL GET THAT FOR YOU.
ざわ
ZAWA
EVERY-THING OKAY, HANAKO?
ざわ
ZAWA (CHATTER)
ざわ
ZAWA
MMMMMMN...
T-SHIRT: BUNNY LOVER
HEE-HEE!
THIS REMINDS ME OF THE SLEEPOVER AT YOUR HOUSE!
MM-HM. MY HOUSE HAS THE SAME KIND OF JAPANESE-STYLE BEDROOMS.
I'M SOOO GLAD THAT WE GET TO SLEEP RIGHT NEXT TO YOU THIS TIME!
SHURU (CUNTIE)
W-WELL...I CERTAINLY DON'T MIND IT...
.....
BUT I'M A BIT ANXIOUS.

ABOUT WHAT?
WELL... I'VE NEVER SLEPT IN ANYTHING BUT A BED.
I'M NOT SURE I'LL BE ABLE TO FALL ASLEEP ON THE FLOOR, AND—
THANKS!
NO WORRIES!
IF YOU'RE SCARED, I'LL HOLD YOUR HAND!
THAT'S... NOT EXACTLY ...
HERE!
KYU (SQUEEZE)

I STILL CAN'T SLEEP...
MMNGH...
NNGH...
CHICHI (TWEET) チチ
CHUN (CHIRP) チュン
CHUN チュン

JIRIRIRIRIRIRIRI (BZZZ)
JI (KSSH)
...MNYA?
JUST WHEN I FINALLY FELL ASLEEP .....!
WH-WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
...HUH !?
!?
ZAWA (MURMUR)
HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA LAZE AROUND IN BED !!?
UP AND AT 'EM, MAG-GOTS!!
BAN (BAM)

WAKE UP AND LISTEN CLOSELY.
S—
SEN...SEI?
ZAWA
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I'M ONLY GONNA SAY THIS ONCE.
TODAY, WE'RE EXECUTING ...
...A HAPPINESS CLASS SUMMER CAMP SPECIAL TRAINING COURSE!!

GET DRESSED AND WASH YOUR FACES ASAP.
THEN REPORT TO TIMOTHY FOR YOUR SUPPLIES...
...AND GET YOUR BUTTS OUTSIDE!!
.....
.....
UMM...
SENSEI, WHAT'S ...?
WHAT'S THIS "SPECIAL TRAINING COURSE" ...?
ZAWAWA (MURMUR)
KA (ROAR)
DID I SAY YOU COULD ASK QUES-TIONS?
SNAP TO IT !!!
Y-YES, MA'AM!!
BIKU (JOLT)
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
HIBARI-CHAAAN, I'M STILL SLEEPYYY!
FJAH
WH—
WHAT IS THIS?

SAKU
WAAAAH!!
!!!
WHERE IS MY SHIRT?
HANAKO! GET DRESSED! HURRY!
SAKU
SAKU (CRUNCH)
...AFTER THAT...
...HANAKO TOOK FOREVER TO WAKE UP...
...AND WE HAD TO FIX BOTAN'S HAIR. WE LEFT AWFULLY LATE.
SAKU
SAKU
SAKU
EKODA-SAN OVERSLEPT TOO. WE RAN INTO HER AND HAGYUU-SAN WHEN WE WENT TO SEE TIMOTHY...
Good morning!
You five are the seventh and final team. ♫
WH-WHAT?
Line up!
I'll pass out your supplies!

Good luck out there!
You're playing tag!
...TAG?
SENSEI AND TIMOTHY STARTED CHASING US BEFORE WE COULD EVEN GET OUR BEARINGS...
I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE THE CHANCE TO LOOK INSIDE THIS BAG!
WAAH...
WAS THAT...
BA (WHIRL)
...HANAKO...!?

"I WILL GLADLY FACE...
"...ANY HARDSHIPS GRANTED UNTO ME. THIS I SWEAR."
ZA (WHOOSH)
ZA
ZA
ZAKU
ZAKU
ZAKU (CRUNCH)
IT PAINS MY HEART TO PUT THE HAPPINESS CLASS THROUGH THESE TRIALS...
...WHEN THEY ALREADY SHOULDER SO MUCH MISFORTUNE...
ZA
...BUT IT HAS TO BE DONE.

ALL OF THIS...
...WILL HELP THOSE POOR CHILDREN...
...FIND THEIR WAY TO *TRUE HAPPINESS* .....

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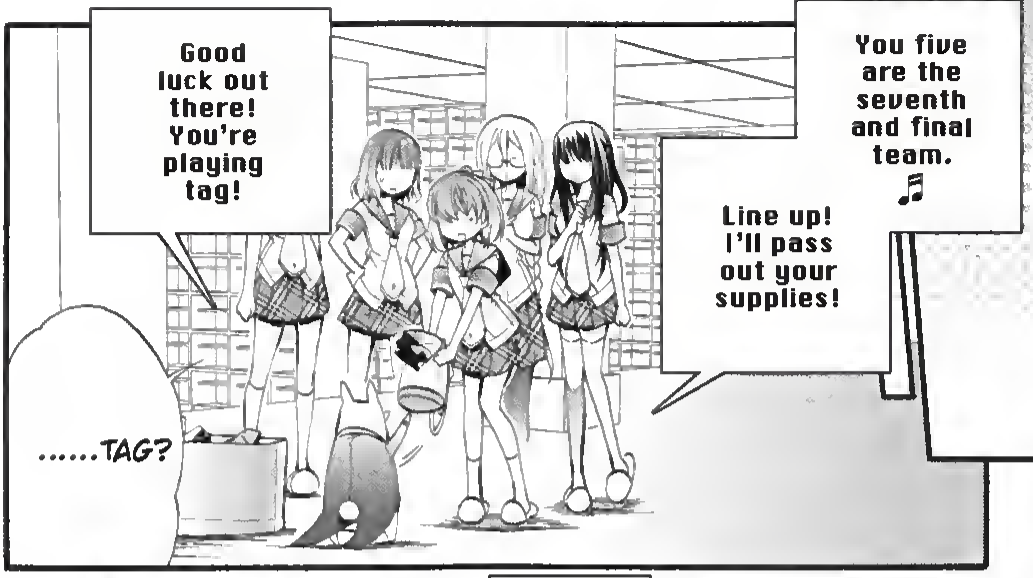
Good luck out there! You're playing tag!
You five are the seventh and final team.
Line up! I'll pass out your supplies!
.....TAG?

KASA (RUSTLE)
YOU MEAN THIS?
Your rule books and cards are in these packs.
That thing identifies your team.

Don'cha remember what Sensei said?
It's a fun training course just for the Happiness Class!
WAKU
WAKU (BOUNCE)

W-WAIT!
I'D LIKE MORE DETAI —!
Make sure you avoid the road when you head outside!
Anyhow, the game's about to begin~!
GATA
GATAN (CLATTER)
Everybody is s'posed ta run from me and Sensei, working in teams of five!

ZA (THWISH)
ZA
ZA
...THE WATER'S SO LOUD THAT IT'S HARD TO—
KYORO (GLANCE)
I DIDN'T JUST IMAGINE IT... RIGHT?
BUT...
DODODO
DODODO (RUMBLE)
.....
.....
HANAKO'S VOICE...I'M SURE IT CAME FROM SOMEWHERE OVER HERE...
ZAKU (CRUNCH)
ZAKU
BA (WHIRL)
HA (GASP)

GARA
GARA
GARA (RATTLE)
GARA
GARA
GARA
GARA
ZABAA (SPLOOSH)
.....
...WHA—?
WHAT HAP-PENED TO YOU!?
BASHA (SPLASH)
BASHA
GEHO (COUGH)
H-HIBARI-CHA... NOT SO... LOUD...
GEHO
GOHO (HACK)
THAT'S THE LEAST OF OUR WORRIES RIGHT NOW!!

TH-THANKS...A MILLION...
...FOR SAVING... ME, HIBARI-CHAN...
HAAH...
HFF
HFF
PASHA (SPLISH)
...GEEZ.
I FEEL RIDICULOUS EVEN ASKING WHAT HAPPENED...
UMM, YOU SEE...
TEE-HEE!
...THERE WAS THIS SUPER-STRONG GUST ALL OF A SUDDEN...
...AND I DROPPED MY BAG!
AN' THEN IT GOT CAUGHT ON THAT WATER-WHEEL, AN' WHEN I TRIED TO GRAB IT—
WAAAH!
DONBURA (TUMBLE)
.....LET ME GUESS. YOU GOT CAUGHT ON IT INSTEAD...

IT HURT A LITTLE BIT...
...BUT THAT USED TO BE A GAME, LIKE, A LONG TIME AGO, RIGHT!? I CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT TO PLAY!!
PAAA (BEAM)
I'M PRETTY SURE THAT WAS A TORTURE METHOD, NOT A GAME.
FUU (SIGH)
GOSO (RUSTLE)
...HOW'S EVERY-THING IN YOUR BAG?
HUH?
WE NEED TO CHECK TO SEE IF ANYTHING WAS DAMAGED BY THE WATER.
I HAVEN'T LOOKED INSIDE MINE YET EITHER.
WE CAN DO IT TOGE—
PINPON (DING-DONG)
PINPOON (DANG-BONG)

HEY, SENSEI SOUNDS LIKE NORMAL~!
Good morning once again.
...Hop-piness Closs stu-dents!?
May I hove your otten-tion...
Your sensei is very pleased. ♡
Although we hod o few obsent students due to illness, almost all of you ore here for summer comp.
Congratu-lations on finishing the first term.
...I've prepared a fun, special course.
Since you students ore so active when it comes to "happiness" ...

There are seven teams of five students each.
Myself and Timothy are "It."
Miniature Garden Tag begins now!!
MINIA-TURE... GARDEN ...?
OOH! TAG!

BIKU (JUMP)
HYAWA!?
I...
...I... FOUND... YOU...
ZA (RUSTLE)
KASA (SNAP)
KASA (SHFF)
B. BOTAN!
THANK... GOOD-NESS...
...YOU'RE IN ONE PLACE...
EVER SINCE WE WERE SPLIT UP UPON STEPPING OUTSIDE, I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU...
..BUT THE HEAT AND SUNLIGHT DELAYED MY EFFORTS...
BOTAN-CHAN! YOU OKAY?
YES. I'M ALIVE...

HOLD IT!
HA (GASP)
I CRAWLED ABOUT THE GROUND LIKE A CATERPILLAR, SLIPPING FROM TREE TO TREE...
I MUST ADMIT THAT IT IS A FITTINGLY UNSIGHTLY METHOD OF ESCAPE FOR ONE SUCH AS MYSELF...
HISO (WHISPER)
IT'S A MIRACLE YOU WEREN'T SPOTTED WITH THAT BIG UMBRELLA ...
WASA
WASA (RUSTLE)
OHHH... THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH...
YOU CAN LEAN ON ME, BOTAN-CHAN~!
L-LET'S HIDE BEHIND THE WATERWHEEL SHACK...!
OH NO, THAT WAS TIMOTHY!
...A 500-MILLILITER BOTTLE OF WATER...
...A BANANA AND CANNED BREAD...
...WORK GLOVES, A TOWEL, AND A PICNIC BLANKET.
...
WE EACH HAVE A CARD WITH OUR TEAM SYMBOL...

IT APPEARS TO BE STURDILY MADE. PERHAPS IT'S FOR SIGNALING AN EMERGENCY?
THAT'S— OH YES, A WHISTLE.
...
PARA (FLIP)
HEY! WHAT ABOUT THIS?
AND FINALLY, THE TAG RULE BOOK ...
"THE PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS THE PLAYING FIELD IS SURROUNDED BY WALLS.
"YOU MAY RUN OR HIDE HOWEVER YOU CHOOSE.
"EACH TEAM MEMBER CARRIES THEIR OWN TEAM SYMBOL. IF ALL FIVE TEAMMATES ARE CAUGHT, IT'S GAME OVER.
"THE GAME ENDS AT NOON ON THE DOT. TEAM RANKS WILL BE DETERMINED BY FACTORING IN THE NUMBER OF TEAM MEMBERS WHO ARE CAUGHT, AND THEIR TIMES."

"RANKS"?
THAT TEACHER WOULD PULL SOMETHING LIKE THIS, WOULDN'T SHE...?
I BELIEVE THIS FOUR-LEAF CLOVER IS OUR TEAM SYMBOL.
PERHAPS IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO INVESTIGATE THE CURRENT TIME AND OUR LOCATION?
I WAS IN SUCH A PANIC THAT I LEFT MY WATCH BEHIND, BUT...
...THERE SHOULD BE A CLOCK ON THE OUTER WALL OF THE LODGE—
!!?
PARA (FLIP)
.....
WHA —!?
?
BURU
BURU (TREMBLE)
WHAT ...
...ON EARTH ...?

BURURU
THIS IS JUST ABSURD ...!!
WHAT ...!?
WH—!?
GUSHA (CRUMPLE)
"THE GAME ENDS IN THE AFTERNOON ON DAY TWO. TEAMS WILL BE RANKED, WITH FIRST PLACE EARNING A LUXURIOUS SUITE AND MEAL...
"...AND LAST PLACE SLEEPING OUTSIDE AND FORAGING FOR THEIR FOOD."
REALLY ...!?
GOGO
GOGOGO (RUMBLE)
Y-YOUR TEAM IS THE FIVE PEOPLE YOU WENT OUTSIDE WITH...
...WHICH MEANS THAT...
ZORO
ZORO (PLOD)
... HIBIKI'S FATE IS TIED TO...TO THOSE THREE ...!?

REN COMES FIRST.
HIBIKI HAS TO MEET UP WITH REN ...!!
(GRIT)
DO (RUMBLE)
BUT SO LONG AS SHE'S "IT," SHE HAS THE ADVANTAGE!
URGH...
OOH, HOW HIBIKI WOULD LOVE TO GIVE THAT TEACHER A PIECE OF HER MIND...
DO
DO
REN ...!
REN, WHERE ARE YOU ...!!?
AND HOW DID HIBIKI WIND UP HERE ~~~!!?
DODODODODO
REEEEN!

ZA
ZAZA
ZAZA (FWSH)
PIKO
U-fu-fu-fu-fu-fu!
PIKO
PIKO
PIKO (TEP)
PIKO
PIKO
PIKO
PIKO
Wheee!
Stop right there!
YEEEK!
STAY AWAY FROM US!!
TA
TA
TA (TMP)
ZAZA

HAAAH...
HFF!
HFF!
ZURU (SLUMP)
I...
...I SHOULD BE SAFE HERE...
ZA (THRSH)
GASA (RUSTLE)
...OH DEAR...
I BELIEVE I HEAR A FARAWAY SCREAM ...
ZOOOOOO!
Found youuu! ♬
One "☆ Team" member captured ~!!

I BARELY GOT A WINK OF SLEEP ON THE FLOOR.
I CAN'T SLEEP OUT-SIDE ....!!
NO WAY ...
I CAN'T!
PERHAPS SOMEONE HAS ALREADY BEEN CAUGHT?
...NO ...
I BET!
...AND HOW ARE YOU SO CONFIDENT...?
EASY PEASY!
DON'T YOU WORRY, HIBARI-CHAN!
WE JUST HAVE TA HIDE UNTIL NOON WITHOUT GETTING CAUGHT!
HUH?
IT MAY NOT BE QUITE SO SIMPLE...
.....

WELL...
...ACCORDING TO THE LAST PAGE IN THE RULE BOOK—
PARA (FLIP)
ALSO, THE CARVINGS YOU MADE YESTERDAY ...
...ARE PLACED IN VARIOUS SPOTS AROUND THE PLAYING FIELD.
FINDING YOUR OWN CARVINGS SAFE AND SOUND WILL NET YOU BONUS POINTS. DO YOUR BEST! ♡
.....
.....
THEN WE CAN'T AFFORD TO HIDE IN ONE SPOT THE ENTIRE TIME...
UGH...
I THINK IT'S BETTER IF BOTAN DOESN'T RUN TOO MUCH, AT LEAST.
I'VE GOT HER BACK!
I'LL TRY HARD ENOUGH FOR TWO PEOPLE!
KYURURUUU (GROWL)
GUU (GURGLE)

My tummy's... grumbly...
cyAn't move... another step...
GUUU
It's no wonder, when we never ate breakfast...
There was a banana in your bag, right?
GOSO (RUSTLE)
Here. Eat thi—
PATARI (THUD)
BA (SWOOP)
!?
BASA (FLAP)
BASA
BASA
PATARI
If you'd like, I'd be happy to give you mine...
U-um...
U
Take mine too.
43333

.....
GASA (RUSTLE)
THIS FLOWER ...
WHO CARVED IT AGAIN...?
HMMMMMM...
.....
CHUN (CHIRP)
CHUN
...OH WELL.
MOVING IT MIGHT CAUSE A PROBLEM ANYWAY.
KO (TNK)

NOW...
...TO LOCATE SOMEWHERE MODERATELY COOL, WITH A BREEZE AND A COMFORTABLE NAPPING SPOT...
...THAT SENSEI AND TIMOTHY WON'T FIND... WHERE TO GO...?
...'KAY. I'LL TRY IT.
THAT WAY?
GASA カサ
GASA カサ
KARAN (CLUNK) カラン
I F- FINALLY ...
...GOT DOWN FROM THE WATERFALL ...
WHERE COULD REN BE...?
YORORORO (WOBBLE)

HIBIKI WILL SURELY GIVE THAT HOMEROOM TEACHER A PIECE OF HER MI...
...ND?
GO (FWOOM)
GO
GO
CAN'T SAY IT. NOT NOW!!
WHAT IS THAT!?
A WAVE OF BLOOD-LUST ...!?
GYAAAH!
Zz..

AnneHappy
unhappy go lucky!

HFF...
HFF...
HFF...
...ARE...
A THOUSAND APOLOGIES!
GU (STRAIN)
JUST A TRIFLE LONGER...
GU
GU
YORO (STAGGER)
.....
...ARE YOU DONE YET...?
YOU CAN DO IT!

TO THINK THAT THE DAY I'D CLIMB A TREE WOULD EVER COME...
WAAH...! I'M UP SO HIGH!
...IS THERE ANY POINT TO THIS...?
HFF!
HFF...
LUCKYYY
GISHI (CRICK)
PHEWWWW...
WELL, IT'S AT LEAST BETTER THAN MAKING YOU RUN...
JUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO FALL, OKAY?
THUS, A HIGH PLACE MAY BE THE PERFECT BLIND SPOT IN WHICH TO HIDE.
I ONCE READ THAT PEOPLE TEND TO BE UNAWARE OF THINGS ABOVE THEM.
D'YOU THINK HE DOESN'T LOOK UP EITHER?
TIMOTHY'S A ROBOT, RIGHT?
...
OH, HEY!

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AAAAAAAH!!
AWAWU
ZA (ISH)
WHAT IS THAT FIERCE AURA!?
SHE WAS ACTING STRANGE FIRST THING IN THE MORNING TOO...
HFF!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HIBIKI HAS EVER SEEN THAT HOMEROOM TEACHER LOOKING LIKE—
HFF!

BA (WHOOSH)
.....
NO, WAIT A SECOND...
HIBIKI REMEMBERS...
HFF!
HIBIKI REMEMBERS SEEING THAT EXPRESSION ONCE BEFORE, BUT WHEN!?
HFF!
ZA
ZAZA
ZOKU (SHUDDER)
ZA
IT—
...!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO HIBIKI'S UP AGAINST!!

YES!!
ZA
NEVER ACCEPT ANYTHING LESS THAN #1. THESE ARE THE TENETS HIBIKI LIVES BY!!
DEFEAT ANY OPPONENT IN YOUR WAY.
ZAZAZA
ZAZA (ZSH)
BEHOLD THE MAJESTIC RUNNING OF A FORMER TRACK AND FIELD ACE!!!
HFF!
HAAH!
THIS IS A LONG-DISTANCE RACE THOUGH!
!!
GA (THUNK)

HIBIKI TRIPPED ...!?
...

HNGH...?
YE...
SO
(PEEK)
...!
SU
(TAP)
S-
SENSEI
...!!
DIDN'T I SAY TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO HURT YOURSELF?
SHOUT-ING WHILE RUNNING ISN'T SAFE, DEAR!
...SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUN ANYMORE.
WELL ...
...YOU'RE OUT OF THE GAME NOW ANYWAY...
NIYA
(SMIRK)
DAMN IIIIT!

—SO...
...THE TWO OF US WILL GO SEARCH FOR OUR CARVINGS.
DON'T GO ANYWHERE, OKAY?
OKAY!
I KNOW I'M EVEN LESS USEFUL THAN GARBAGE, BUT I'D STILL LIKE TO SAY...
...I'LL BE PRAYING FOR YOUR SAFETY WITH ALL MY HEART AND SOUL ...!
THAT'S FINE...
...BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN'T PUT THAT TOWEL ON ANOTHER WAY?
I KNOW THE PARASOL STANDS OUT TOO MUCH, BUT THIS IS JUST...
OH, I THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE ONLY FITTING FOR ME.
U FU FU!

INDEED. ♡
THANK YOU. YOU'RE TOO KIND.
THE TREE'S SHADE MAKES IT NICE AN' COOL.
YOU'LL BE PLENTY COMFY UP THERE, 'KAY, BOTAN-CHAN? ♪
I'M GONNA FIND AAALL OF OUR CARVINGS!
AN' I'LL WORK HARD ENOUGH FOR THE BOTH OF US!
...TO THANK YOU FOR THE BANANA !!
U.....
S-SKK-
...IS THIS TRULY...
...ALL RIGHT ...?
ZAKU CRUNCH
ZAKU

...AS NOON GETS CLOSER...
JIRI (SIZZLE)
...OF COURSE IT GETS HOTTER ...
JIRI
JIRI
IT'S SUPER-DUPER NICE OUT!
I DIDN'T PUT ANY SUNSCREEN ON.
MAYBE I'LL WEAR MY TOWEL TOO.
FUU (SIGH)
LIKE BOTAN-CHAN?

UH...
...NOPE. NEVER MIND.
HUH!?
WHYYY !?
I WAS GONNA PUT MINE ON TOO!
WE'D BE THE HIBARI HOOD BANDITS!
HIBARI HOOD BANDITS !?
YOU KNOW! LIKE ROBIN HOOD AND HIS BAND OF MERRY MEN!
COOL, RIGHT!?
AH!
HANAKO!
R-RIGHT...
UM, I'M NOT SURE WE NEED TO GIVE OURSELVES A NAME...
?

LOOK OUT BEHIND YOU!
THAT'S A WAX TREE SHRUB!
TOUCHING IT CAN GIVE YOU A RASH.
IT'S NOT AS TOXIC AS SUMAC OR POISON IVY...
OOOH...
...BUT YOU SHOULD STILL BE CAREFUL AROUND IT.
.....
I KNOW WE HAVEN'T SEEN THIS WHOLE AREA YET, BUT...

IT'S ALMOST UNNATURAL...
...MMST OF THE POISONOUS PLANTS THAT SHOULD BE COMMON IN THE MOUNTAINS... THEY AREN'T GROWING HERE.
MAYBE IF THIS ENTIRE SITE WAS PRETTIED UP SPECIFICALLY FOR THE HAPPINESS CLASS...
...THEN I SUPPOSE IT WOULD MAKE SENSE.
THAT'S AMAZ-ING!
I GUESS.
BUT TO GO THAT FAR, AND THEN USE IT FOR A GAME OF TAG, OF ALL THINGS ...?
NO, NOOO! YOU'RE WHAT'S AMAZING!
ME?
YOU KNEW WHAT PLANT IT WAS FROM ONE QUICK GLANCE!
YOU'RE MORE LIKE A PLANT PROFESSOR THAN A MERRY BANDIT!

I'M NOT, AND IT'S NOT AMAZING.
BESIDES...
...THEY'D KNOW MUCH MORE, SO—
?
IT'S NOT LIKE I KNOW THINGS ABOUT PLANTS BECAUSE I WAS DYING TO LEARN ABOUT THEM.
"THEY"?
HA (GASP)
はっ
N—
NEVER MIND THAT!
WE NEED TO GET MOVING. I REFUSE TO SLEEP OUTSIDE!
AYE AYE, SIR!

NYURU
NYURU (SLITHER)
UWAAH!
YAAI~
YEEEK!
Eh heh heh!
Gots a big catch! ♪
SAKU
SAKU (CRUNCH)
SAKU
SAKU
SAKU
Huh?
Sen-sei!
Whatcha doin' out here?
WHY, TIMOTHY.
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK! ♡

OH, I'M JUST PACING MYSELF.
IF I DIDN'T, THIS GAME WOULD BE OVER IN TEN MINUTES!
We can't slack off!!
Heeey! Only you an' me are "It," Sensei!
AND THE GOAL OF THIS HAPPINESS CLASS SPECIAL COURSE...
...GOES BEYOND MERE FUN AND GAMES.
CAREFUL, TIMOTHY!
YOU DON'T WANT YOUR VOICE TO GIVE YOU AWAY! ♪
I didn't know that, Kodaira-sensei!

S—
Sowwy ...
Ah! Please excuse m—
WHEN I'M ON THE HUNT, MY OLD HABITS KICK IN...
...AND BEFORE I KNOW IT, THE FIRE IN ME IGNITES.
I'LL HAVE TO HOLD BACK!
Sensei, um... what did you used to...?
What were you...?
TRUST ME, YOU'RE HAPPIER NOT KNOW-ING.
THIS IS MY COMBAT OUTFIT. ♡
...AREN'T YOU HOT IN THAT?

SAKU
SAKU (CRUNCH)
SAKU
HIBARI-CHAN!
LOOK! LOOK!
WHAT A BIG OL' CLOUD!
ISN'T IT PRETTY?
H-HANAKO!
KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN...!
POFU (CLAMP)
ACK!
SORRY, I FORGOT!
NOT THAT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND YOUR EXCITEMENT.
THIS BREEZE IS REALLY HELPING WITH THE HEAT...
...AND THE SKY'S BEAUTIFUL AND CLEAR ...

DORO (MUDDY)
IF OUR FOOD AND SHELTER TONIGHT WASN'T RIDING ON THIS GAME, IT WOULD BE—
AH!!
BASHA (SPLASH)
BICHA (SPLICK)
A PUDDLE OF MUD? IN THIS NICE WEATHER!?
GOLLY, THAT SURPRISED ME!
I THINK IT'S ONLY HERE.
BUT A TOWEL WON'T GET IT ALL OFF...
WE'LL HAVE TO FIND SOME WATER.
GOOD GRIEF.
YOU REALLY DO HAVE THE WORST LUCK.
GOSO (DIG)
WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING BEFORE IT STAINS.

HANAKO —!!?
ZU (SINK)
ZU
ZU
ZU
I—WH…?
WHAT NOW!?
DON'T TELL ME IT'S A BOTTOMLESS PIT!?
WAAH!
OH NO…!!
HANAKO, GRAB ON!
BYU (WHIZ)
BITAN (SMACK)

AAAH!?
I DIDN'T—!
I-I...
I'M SO SORRY ...!!
ZUZUZU (SLURSH)
HAAH...
I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE END...
...FOR YOU.
HAAAH!
ME TOOO ...
HFFF...
HFFF!
HFFF!

I TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID ...
THIS PLACE HASN'T BEEN PRETTIED UP FOR US AT ALL...!
HFF!
YOU THINK SO?
I THINK IT'S A REALLY PRETTY MOUN-TAIN~!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN!
WHY DID YOU STEP BACK INTO THE MUD ANYWAY?
...?
WHAT'S THAT?
OH! I SAW IT BY THE MUD!
SEE HOW IT HAS A STRAP?
I BET IT'S SOME-BODY'S CARVING!
I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT...
BUT IT WASN'T MADE BY OUR TEAM.
.....
IF WE HIDE THIS...
...IT COULD GIVE OUR TEAM A TINY LEG UP.

.....
.....
.....
LET'S MOVE IT AWAY FROM THE MUD.
WE CAN LEAVE IT SOMEWHERE EASIER TO SEE. OKAY?
SIR, YES, SIR, HIBARI HOOD!
STOP CALLING ME THAT!!
ZZZ...

ペタ。。
PETA (TAP)
IT'S NO GOOD.
THE WALL GOES ON AND ON. THIS WAY IS A DEAD END TOO.
IT'S KINDA LIKE A WALLED GARDEN YOU'D FIND IN SOME HOUSES, HUH~?
.....
.....
IS THAT WHY THIS GAME'S CALLED "MINIATURE GARDEN TAG"...?

YEAH, THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT IT IN THE RULEBOOK!
RIGHT, THAT THE PLAYING FIELD IS SURROUNDED BY A WALL—
I WONDER HOW BIG THE WHOLE THING IS?
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO SEARCH FOR THOSE LITTLE CARVINGS WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING THAT MUCH?
キョロ
KYORO (WHIRL)
キョロ
KYORO
IT'S OKAY!
LEAVE IT TO ME, HIBARI-CHAN!
I KNOW JUST WHAT TO DO!
I LEARNED A KILLER TECHNIQUE FOR MOMENTS LIKE THIS!
BAN (BAM)
A—
A KILLER TECH-NIQUE?
?
FOUND ONE!
GOSO (RUSTLE)

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THIS SHOULD BE LONG ENOUGH, I THINK?
KON (CLUNK)
.....
.....
OKAAAY! IT'S GONNA FALL NOW!!
WAKU
WAKU (GIDDY)
DON'T TELL ME SHE'S ...

HANAKO... WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU...?
YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT DOWSING, HIBARI-CHAN?
I-I DON'T THINK THAT'S HOW DOWSING WORKS...
ISN'T THIS GOING TO LEAVE IT ENTIRELY UP TO LUCK?
IT'S A SUPER-SPECIAL SKILL YOU USE TO FIND STUFF!
NOPE, NOT AT ALL!
DON'T KNOCK IT BEFORE YOU TRY IT! OKAY, HERE WE GO!
PA (SHWIP)

WHAT THE—!?
パキ (SNAP)
キー
.....
OHH...
SHWWWW (SIZZLE)
ウウウウ
OH YEAH! WE'RE LOOKING FOR MORE THAN ONE THING!
THERE'LL BE A CARVING IN EACH DIRECTION!
DOWSING IS AMAZING!!
R-REALLY!?

LET'S DO IT, HIBARI-CHAN!!
LET'S GO!
SO, IF WE TRACK THEM DOWN ONE BY ONE...
...EVENTUALLY, WE CAN COLLECT THEM ALL!
HIBARI
...REALLY TRUST THIS? REALLY TRULY...?
...CAN WE ...
GASHAN (CLANG)
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS !?
NOW, NOW.
DON'T BE UPSET, HAGYUU-SAN.
HIBIKI REFUSES TO ACCEPT THIS!!
LOCKING HIBIKI IN A CAGE AS IF SHE'S A NO-GOOD CRIMINAL ...!

I GUESS... IT'S KINDA COOL. LIKE A THEME PARK ATTRACTION!
WAI (CHATTER)
WAI
WAI
THIS CAGE IS CUTE, SENSEI! LIKE A BIRD-CAGE! ♬
NGH ...!
YOU DUNCES ...!!
THINK OF IT AS A LITTLE BONUS. ♡
DOESN'T THIS MAKE IT MORE FUN FOR YOU STUDENTS AS WELL?
UFUFU!
IT'S TO RAISE THE STAKES.
HOW IS THIS A BONUS !?
...YOU'LL BE CHEERING ON YOUR TEAMMATES FROM HERE, OKAY?
UNTIL THE GAME ENDS...
YOU MAY BE OUTSIDE, BUT THERE'S PLENTY OF SHADE.
YES, MA'AM!
...TO LET PEOPLE WHO WERE CAUGHT COME BACK INTO THE GAME, RIGHT!?
...THEN THERE HAS TO BE A CONDITION ...
IF THAT'S HOW IT IS...

NOPE.
NOW THAT I'VE CHECKED ON YOU, IT'S TIME FOR SENSEI TO GO BACK ON THE HUNT! ♫
BE GOOD WHILE YOU WAIT, OKAY, DEARS?
AND DON'T WORRY. YOU'LL BE PERFECTLY SAFE INSIDE THE CAGE. ♡
SAFE FROM WHAT!?
.....
...MMPH...

.....
MUKU (SWIP)
さらさら
I'M THIRSTY...
THERE SHOULD BE...
...A BOTTLE OF WATER IN THAT BAG—
SA (FEEL)
BAG...
SA
SA

WHEN DID I LAST HAVE IT?
MY BAG...
JI (STARE)
...OH YEAH.
WHAT DO YOU HAVE THERE, WILD GRAPES?
FOR ME?
HYOI (HOIST)
TSUN (TUG)
TSUN
MEOWR!
MEOW!

キョロ
KYORO (GLANCE)
カン
KAN (CLACK)
MMN?
FISH FROM THE RIVER...IS THAT FOR ME TOO?
I APPRECIATE IT...
...BUT THIS IS YOUR FOOD. YOU SHOULD EAT IT—
GOO (F.WOOM)
ZA (SNATCH)
BA (LEAP)

YOUR LIFE...
...IS PRECIOUS.
なでる
NADE (PET)
DON'T THROW IT AWAY.
WHAT'S THAT SMOKE?
ZAKU
—I WONDER HOW MANY PEOPLE...
...FROM THE OTHER TEAMS ARE LEFT IN THE GAME?
ZAKU
ZAKU (RUSTLE)

KOSO
KOSO (RUSTLE)
WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HAPPENED TO HAGYUU-SAN AND EKODA-SAN EITHER.
MAYBE WE'LL RUN INTO THEM SOMEPLACE!
BUT THERE'S ALSO THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY'VE ALREADY BEEN CAUGHT—
YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE ...
...IN YOUR MERRY MEN, HIBARI-CHAN!!
MERRY MEN!?
.....
SAKU (CRUNCH)
FRANKLY, I'M BEGINNING TO THINK IT'D BE EASIER TO GET CAUGHT...
...THAN TO WALK AROUND JUMPING AT EVERY LITTLE NOISE LIKE THIS.
N-NO, DON'T THINK LIKE THAT!
I ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY COULD NOT SURVIVE SLEEPING OUTSIDE!!
HRRM... MNGH...

Attention, Happiness Class!
How goes your exploring?
HUH?
IT CAN'T BE NOON YET...
ZA (ZSH)
I JUST HAVE TO HANG IN THERE A LITTLE LONGER ...
PINPON (BING-BONG)
PANPOOON (BANG-BONG)
DOKI (BADUM)
...the summer camp day two special training course will come to a close.
Another thirty minutes after that announcement...
This is purely informational.
Thirty minutes from now, I'll be announcing the number of survivors on each team. ♫
Let's have fun with it right until the very end! ♡
BUTSUN (CLICK)
ZAWA (MURMUR)

...IF WE CAN TRUST THAT ANNOUNCE-MENT...
...THEN IT'S ELEVEN NOW.
THERE'S JUST ONE HOUR LEFT!
ALL RIGHT! WE'D BETTER HURRY!!
EVEN IF WE HURRY, WE STILL DON'T—
MFGF!?
BA (WHAP)
WH—?
WHAH HAR OO ...??
SHH!
OVER THERE ...

YURA
!!
YURA (BOB)
OH MY GOODNESS... EKODA-SAN!?
TIMOTHY CAUGHT HER~!
TOO BAD!
ZZZ...
HE'LL SPOT US IF WE GO THAT WAY.
THE DOWSING ROD POINTED IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION TOO. LET'S TRY OVER THERE!
LOOK AT ALL THE ANIMALS FOLLOWING THEM! SO CUTE!
ZORO (CROWD)
ZORO
...WAIT, THAT'S HOW TIMOTHY CAPTURES PEOPLE?
COUNT ME OUT...

ZAKU (CRUNCH)
ZAKU
...SAY, HANAKO...
ZAKU
HMM?
WHATCHA THINKIN', HIBARI-CHAN?
I KNOW IT'S ALMOST NOON, IN THE MIDDLE OF SUMMER...
...SO OF COURSE IT'S GOING TO BE HOT...
KA (SCORCH)
MIIIN (BZZ)
...BUT STILL...
...ISN'T THIS TOO HOT...?
JIRI (SIZZLE)
ESPECIALLY SINCE, GIVEN THE VIEW, WE SHOULD BE AT A HIGH ALTITUDE...
I KNOOOW...
JIRI
WANNA TAKE A WATER BREAK?
...IT WOULD BE BAD IF WE GOT HEAT-STROKE.
OKAY, JUST A SHORT ONE, THEN...
MIEN...

GOKUN (GULP)
WE ONLY HAVE ONE BOTTLE OF WATER EACH...
...SO IT'S BETTER IF WE DON'T GULP IT DOWN ALL AT ONCE.
HFF!
OKEY-DOKEY~!
OOPS!
KORO (DROP)
!
EVERYTHING OKAY?
I JUST DROPPED MY BOTTLE CAP...
HIBARI-CHAN!!
!?
N-NOW WHAT?

EH?
LOOKIE!
UP THERE ...!!
!!
YAMAMI
YOUR TIMOTHY...
WE DID IT, HIBARI-CHAN!
WE FOUND ONE! WOO-HOO!
OOH! I'LL CLIMB UP~!
STILL, IT'S A BIT HIGH...
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET TO IT.
YAMAMI

I WAS KINDA JEALOUS WHEN BOTAN-CHAN GOT TO CLIMB EARLIER!
HERE I GO!
GU (GRAB)
GO
EVERY-THING OKAY?
BE CAREFUL...
GOGO (RUMBLE)
?
GOGOGO
GOGO
THERE'S A SOUND...
...WHAT'S THAT...?
...COMING FROM UNDER-GROUND...
A HEAVY GROANING...
BIKI (CRICK)

BAKI
BAKI
BAKI (CRACK)
ZA (FWOOM)
!!?

THE GROUND'S CAVING IN...!!
GOGO (RUMBLE)
OH... OH NO...
GURA (STUMBLE)
GO
A SINK-HOLE!? OR A LAND-SLIDE...
...FOR REAL ...!?
GOGO
HA (GASP)
HANAKO! HURRY ...!
GET DOWN !!
WATCH OUT —!
GARA (CRUMBLE)

GURA (TILT)
DODODO (CRASH)
IDIOT!! IDIOT!!
WHERE WERE YOU WHEN HIBIKI NEEDED YOU!?
POKA (BOP)
POKA
POKA
HIBIKI'S GLAD TO SEE YOU THOUGH!!!
UH-HUH.
WANT SOME WILD GRAPES?

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HMM... MMPH.
I CAN'T SEE MUCH AT ALL...
EVEN WITH MY GLASSES, MY EYE-SIGHT IS ATROCIOUS ...
I COULD NEVER HOPE TO SPOT SUCH SMALL CARV-INGS...
ZU (SHUDDER)
OHHH! AT THE VERY LEAST, MAY ANY MISFORTUNE THAT BEFALLS THEM...
...FIND ITS WAY TO ME INSTEAD...
BUT...I HAVE TO CONTRIBUTE IN SOME WAY, OR I TRULY WILL BE A BURDEN, LOWER THAN TRASH...
!?
THAT LARGE TREMOR...AN EARTHQUAKE? NO...WHAT'S THAT SOUND ...?
GO
ARE THEY IN DANGER ...!?
GOGO
GO (RUMBLE)

GARA
GARARA (CLATTER)
HYUUUU (FWOO)
GA (GRASP)
GARA
...WHAT IN...
...THE WORLD ...?
HFF...!
...HFF ...!

BURU (TREMBLE)
BURU
HFF...
PITA (CLING)
HFF...
WE MANAGED NOT TO FALL ALL THE WAY DOWN...
BOKO (STEAM)
BOKO
...BUT THIS LEDGE COULD CRUMBLE AT any MOMENT—
KARARA (CLATTER)
...?
THE HEAT IS STIFLING...
WHAT'S THAT POOLING UP DOWN AT THE BOTTOM...?
HFF..!
COULD IT BE —?

MAGMA... MAYBE?
WOOOW!
I'VE NEVER BEEN TO A VOLCANO BEFORE!!
IT'S HOT!
YURA
WHAT!?
BOKO
BOKO
DOES THAT REALLY MATTER RIGHT NOW!?
YURA (SWING)
OH! YOU'RE RIGHT. WE HAVE TO FIND THE CARVINGS ...
WHERE'D YOU GO, TIMOTHY?
KYORO (GLANCE)
FORGET ABOUT THAT!
WE HAVE TO GET TO SAFETY BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE...!!
MAYBE IF WE SHOUT AT THE TOP OF OUR LUNGS, SOMEONE WILL COME SAVE US...
I'LL TRY!

NO, WAIT!
I'LL—
HANAKO...!!
HEEEEEEY!!!
GIGI (CREAK)
ZU (SLIDE)
ZU
GAKUN (SHUDDER)
ZU
ZAZAZA (FWOOSH)
GA (GRASP)

HIBARI-CHAN ...!
L-LISTEN TO ME!
DO NOT...
...UNDER ANY CIRCUM-STANCES ...
...LET GO...!!
GARA (CRUMBLE)
IT'S TOO DAN-GER-OUS, HIBARI-CHAN!
YOU'LL FALL!
GARA (CRUMBLE)
HA (GASP)
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU!?
HUH?
HANAKO! ABOVE YOU...!
THE BAG! THE WHIS-TLE... IT'S ABOUT TO—

ZUZU (SLIDE)
SURU (SLIP)
GIGI (CREE)
GARARA (CRUMBLE)
THE WHISTLE ...!
GARA
!!
THAT'S —!
PASHI (SNATCH)

BLOW IT!!
ピィィィ (PWEE)
ボチャ
ROCHAN (SPLOOSH)
SUUU (FOOO)
す…!
GA (THACK)
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SOME-
ONE...
HURRY..
...
PLEASE
...!!
NGH
...!
GI
!
!!
GI
(SQUEEZE)
ZU
(SLIDE)
BAKIN
(CRACK)
WE'RE
DONE
FOR
—!!

ZAZA (SKRR)
GA (BAM)
GOODNESS, YOU TWO.
WHILE I APPLAUD HOW ACTIVE YOU ARE IN TESTING YOUR LUCK...

SENSEI...!!
...METHINKS THIS IS A LITTLE TOO ADVENTUROUS, HMM?
GARA (RUMBLE)
GACHAN (CLANK)
I'll now report the number of remaining survivors. ♪
♡ Team: three members...
☆ Team: one member...
GAGA (CREAK)
It's time for an announcement, boys and girls!
PINPON (PING-BONG)
PANPOOON (PANG-BONG)

...HIBIKI FOUGHT WITH THAT MONSTER OF A HOMEROOM TEACHER ON VIRTUALLY EQUAL FOOTING...
FOR YOUR INFORMATION...
...
HIBIKI JUST HAD A LITTLE BAD LUCK. THAT'S ALL!!
DO YOU STILL INSIST ON BERATING HER!?
I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING!!
□ Team: two members ...
...◎ Team...
EH-HEH-HEH!
THAT'S MORE SURVIVORS THAN I EXPECTED FOR THE BOTAN'S OTHER OUR ONLY TEAMS. HOPE, BUT WITH THIRTY MINUTES LEFT ON THE CLOCK, MAYBE WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE!
WHY ARE YOU COVERED IN MUD?
And finally...
...△ Team: one—
SAKU (TMP)
—OH DEAR.

I found her collapsed over there!
BOTAN—!?
The ☐ Team is our first team out, with zero members surviving!
HOW UNFORTUNATE.
...I'M SO...
...TERRIBLY... SORRY...
I...
...WAS WORRIED SICK ABOUT THE TWO OF YOU...AND I...
BORO (RAGGED)
YOU CLIMBED DOWN BY YOURSELF!?
DID YOU GET HURT, BOTAN-CHAN?
OH, I MERELY BRUISED MY ENTIRE BODY AND HEARD TERRIBLE NOISES COMING FROM MY BONES...
ALSO...
...H-HERE...

THOSE CARVINGS ...!!
THEY'RE HAGYUU-SAN'S, EKODA-SAN'S, AND MINE —!!
WOWEE !!
YOU FOUND OUR CARVINGS, BOTAN-CHAN?
UNABLE EVEN TO RUN, HAVING NO STRENGTH, BEING LOWER THAN SLUDGE—
CRAWLING PATHETICALLY ALONG THE GROUND WHILST SINGLE-MINDEDLY SEARCHING IS ALL THAT ONE SUCH AS MYSELF IS CAPABLE OF...
PETAN (SLUMP)
I DO HOPE YOU'LL FORGIVE ME... I LOOKED AND LOOKED, YET STILL, I COULDN'T FIND HANAKO-SAN'S CARVING OR MINE...
My CARVING —!
Y-YOU DID PLENTY!
THANKS, BOTAN.
BOTAN NEEDS MEDICAL ATTEN-TION...
SENSEI!
AH, OF COURSE! ♡

PIRORIRO (JINGLE)
PIRORIN
1...
2.
3.
...
PIRORIN (JINGLE)
The clock just struck noon.
The Happiness Class summer camp special course...
WAAAAH!
...
"Miniature Garden Tag," is now over!
Good game, everyone. ♡

...NO OTHER TEAMS LOST ALL THEIR MEMBERS...
...MEANING...
IN THE THIRTY MINUTES SINCE BOTAN WAS CAPTURED...
わい WAI CHATTER
IT WAS LOADS OF FUN!
わい WAI
I GOT CAUGHT!
WHERE DID YOU HIDE?
GASP SLUMP
...WE'RE SLEEPING OUTSIDE!!!
N-NO...
MORE IMPORTANTLY.....
EXCUSE ME. SENSEI?
? WHAT IS IT, HIBARIGAOKA-SAN?
THERE'S NO WAY TO CHANGE YOUR TEAM RANKING.

NO, NOT THAT...
YOU KNOW THAT GAPING HOLE WE ALMOST FELL INTO?
ISN'T THIS MOUNTAIN... DANGEROUS?
IT WAS DIFFICULT TO SEE...
...BUT THERE WAS THIS EXTREMELY HOT STEAM FLOATING UP FROM THE BOTTOM OF THAT HOLE TOO.
OH, I REMEMBER!
WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK INTO THAT RIGHT AWAY.
BOKO (STEAM)
THERE SHOULD BE NOTHING DANGEROUS IN THE AREA SURROUNDING THE LODGE.
BUT NOT TO WORRY.
ARE YOU SURE...?
AS FOR THE HOLE—
IF WE MAKE FULL USE OF TIMOTHY ...
...WE MAY HAVE ENOUGH TIME.
TIME?
FOR WHAT ...?

NOW, THIS IS BLISS...
WHEW...
HOW'S THE WATER?
WE COULDN'T SLEEP OUTSIDE ON SUCH A DANGEROUS MOUNTAIN!
IT WASN'T MAGMA DOWN IN THAT HOLE AFTER ALL, HUH?
HOW REFRESHING. ♡
WE'VE WORKED UP A NICE SWEAT.
HI, SENSEI!
IT FEELS SUUUPER-NICE!
PASHA (SPLISH)

HEAVE-HO!
TIMOTHY BUILT THIS OUTDOOR HOT SPRING BATH FOR YOU GIRLS. ♡
EXCELLENT!
BE SURE TO THANK TIMOTHY, OKAY?
TIMO-THY!?
WAAAAH!
Y-Y-Y-YOU'RE PEEPING!? HOW UTTERLY REPREHEN-SIBLE...!!
AAAUGH!
BASHAAAAA (SPLASH)
Waah! No water!
BASHA (SPLISH)
HE DID!?
THANKS A BUNCH, TIMOTHY! ♫
THERE, THERE.
GO EASY ON TIMOTHY, WON'T YOU?
TIMOTHY HASN'T BEEN WATER-PROOFED YET.
BESIDES, THE PERSON BEHIND TIMOTHY IS—
Hmm?
Did some-body say my name?
HYOI (POP)
"THE PER-SON BE-HIND" ...?
...TIMOTHY ISN'T A BOY OR A GIRL!
..... BESIDES, AS A ROBOT ...

HIBARI-GAOKA-SAN IS RIGHT.
FINDING THREE OUT OF FIVE OF YOUR TEAM'S CARVINGS WAS IMPRESSIVE WORK. ♡
SENSEI!
D-DON'T SELL YOURSELF SHORT! YOU FOUND OUR CARVINGS.
YET WE STILL CAME IN LAST PLACE...
ON THE CONTRARY, MY USE-LESSNESS IS APPALL-ING...
TIMOTHY-SAN'S HARD WORK IS SOMETHING TO BE AP-PRECIATED.
GOPOPOPO (GLUB)
COMPARING YOURSELF WITH OTHERS TOO MUCH...
...IS ONE OF THE MOST COMMON WAYS TO INVITE NEGATIVE KARMA.
WAKE UP!
Z...
"NEGATIVE KARMA"...
FOR THE MOST PART ANYWAY! ♪
...TO TREAT OUR LESSONS NOT AS MERE WORDS, BUT TO EXPERIENCE AND LEARN FROM THEM DIRECTLY.
I'D LIKE ALL OF YOU IN THE HAP-PINESS CLASS ...

—CHAN.
HIBARI-CHAN!
HAVE I ALSO LET SEEDS OF MISFORTUNE...
...TAKE ROOT IN MY OWN LIFE WITHOUT EVEN REALIZING IT?
WE'LL NEED TO EAT FIRST...
THEY'RE PRETTY STURDY.
HIBIKI USED HERS TO GET DOWN FROM A WATERFALL.
SENSEI SAID WE CAN USE ANYTHING FROM OUR BAGS TONIGHT!
D'YOU THINK WE COULD MAKE A TENT OUT OF THOSE PICNIC BLANKETS?
!!
Y-YES?
ヒシ
BIKU (JUMP)
SPEAK-ING OF, SENSEI ...
...ARE THE FISH IN THE STREAMS HERE EDIBLE?
YES, THEY'RE PERFECTLY EDIBLE.
AND THE WATER IS DRINKABLE, SO YOU CAN USE IT FOR COOKING.
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OOOH!
I'M GONNA CATCH A TON OF FISH!
H-HIBIKI'S GOING TO CATCH EVEN MORE! SHE'LL...
WAI (CHATTER)
...GET THE BIGGEST ONE! AND...

THEN I'LL...
...COOK UP A SPECIAL DINNER FROM THE INGREDIENTS YOU ALL GATHER.
WAAH!
REALLY? THANKS, HIBARI-CHAN!
IF WE CAN GET A FIRE GOING, THAT IS...
EVEN BUNNIES CAN START A FIRE. IT'LL BE FIRE.
WAI
B-BUN-NIES!?
HIBARI
クス KUSU (GIGGLE)
WOW, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD DO THAT!!
WE CAN OPEN THOSE CANS AND USE THE LIDS AS KNIVES.
WAI
.....
ANOTHER YEAR...
...ANOTHER FUN SUMMER VACATION FOR THE HAPPINESS CLASS...

WAAAAH!
ZZZ...

AnneHappy
unhappy go lucky!

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PURURURURURU
PURURU (RRRING)
9 SEPTEMBER
MON TUE WED THURS
8/31 1 (BACK TO SCHOOL!) 2 3
7 8 9 10
14 15 16 17
21 22 23 24
28 29 30 10/1
5 6 7 8
FOR PITY'S SAKE...WHO'S CALLING FIRST THING IN THE MORNING?
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO LEAVE TOO!
PU RU RU RU
KACHA (CLICK)
HELLO. HIBARIGAOKA RESIDENCE.
—!!

M—
MAMA ...?
...OH... IT'S GOOD TO HEAR FROM YOU...
YES.
SCHOOL? I WAS JUST ABOUT TO LEAVE.
GEEZ, YOU'RE ALWAYS OBLIVIOUS TO THE TIME OVER HERE.
...EH?
YOU'RE COMING TO JAPAN AT THE END OF THE YEAR...?
KUSU (GIGGLE)
SO...WHY ARE YOU CALLING?
THE END OF THE YEAR? YES, I'LL BE FINE.

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TA (TMP)
TA
TA (TMP)
KIIIN
KOOON
HFF...
HFF...
KARA (CLACK)
HEY!
NO RUNNING IN THE HALLS!
KIIIN (BING)
KOOON (BONG)
OH... HIBARI-SAN!
GOOD MORNING TO YOU.
MORNIN', HIBARI-CHAN!
P—
PARDON ME...!
KAAAN (BANG)
CLASS 1-1

PHEW.
SOME THINGS CAME UP AS I WAS LEAVING...
EH-HEH-HEH! ♫ I MADE IT HERE EARLIER THAN YOU TODAY!
JUST IN TIME FOR THE BELL? THAT'S RATHER UNLIKE YOU.
H-HEY.
HFF!
?
WHAT THINGS ?
HEH HEH!
GARA (CLACK)
GOOD MORNING ...
...MY DARLING STUDENTS!
WHY, WHAT WAS IT THAT —?
ZAWA
ZAWA (CHATTER)
IT'S TIME FOR ROLL CALL.
EVERYONE, IN YOUR SEATS, PLEASE!
BEAUTIFUL WEATHER OUT, ISN'T IT?
PERFECT FOR THE FIRST DAY OF THE SECOND TERM! ♡

CLASS 1-7
TON (TAP)
NOW...
NIKO (SMILE)
...PLEASE REFER TO YOUR HANDOUTS FOR ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING REGULAR STUDENT AFFAIRS AND EVENTS AND SO ON.
ALL RIGHT. FROM HERE ON...
...I'LL BE USING THIS TIME TO EXPLAIN THE DIRECTION THE HAPPINESS CLASS WILL TAKE IN THE SECOND TERM.
TO BE QUITE FRANK ...
...THE TRAINING SESSIONS DURING THE FIRST TERM...
ZAWA (MURMUR)
...WELL, THEY WERE NOTHING MORE THAN FUN AND GAMES.

AS I BEGAN TO EXPLAIN BACK THEN...
...ALL OF YOU STUDENTS ARE WEIGHED DOWN BY VARIOUS KINDS OF "NEGATIVE KARMA."
THERE IS NO ONE EASY WAY TO OVERCOME IT.
YOU WILL EACH NEED TO TAKE YOUR OWN PERSONAL STEPS TOWARD HAPPINESS.
THE FIRST TERM ALSO SERVED AS TIME FOR ME TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.
I REALLY HAVE TO WONDER ...
...WHAT THEY COULD HAVE LEARNED ABOUT US FROM LESSONS LIKE THOSE...?
WOOOW...
OH, YES...
...YOUR SUMMER VACATIONS TAUGHT US A LOT TOO.
THANKS TO THE POWER OF THE ACADEMY, I'M AWARE OF ALMOST EVERYTHING THAT YOU—
S. SENSEI !?
ZAWA
"ALMOST EVERY-THING"!? HOW MUCH EXACTLY DO YOU —?
TH- THAT'S A VIOLATION OF OUR PRIVACY !!
YEAH! WHAT SHE SAID!!
おい WA! (CLAMOR)
おい WA!

PRI...
VACY
...?
PLEASE DON'T ACT LIKE IT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE EVER HEARD THE WORD!!
...ONE OF THE EARPIECES WE WORE DURING THE FIRST TERM'S FINAL EXAM?
ISN'T THAT...
...?
NOW, NOW, DEARS. MORE IMPORTANTLY ...
ZAWA (MURMUR)
...DO YOU ALL REMEMBER THIS?
ZAWA
ZAWA
ZAWA
CORRECT! IT'S THE MONITORING DEVICE WE USED DURING YOUR SPECIAL HAPPINESS TEST.
I TOLD YOU THAT YOUR CHIP CARDS WOULD SERVE AS YOUR ANSWER SHEETS...
...SO...
ZAWA
ZAWA
...WHAT DO YOU ALL THINK THIS "DEVICE" WAS *MONITORING*, THEN?

WELL ...
...I HAVE AN IDEA, ALTHOUGH I APOLOGIZE IF MY ANSWER IS INCORRECT.
AH YES.
GO AHEAD, KUME-GAWA-SAN. ♫
WAS IT OUR, ERM...
..."PSYCHO-LOGICAL HAPPINESS LEVELS" ...
...WHICH YOU SAID WE WOULD ALSO BE GRADED ON...?
CORRECT!
GOOD JOB!
I'M GLAD YOU REMEM-BERED. ♡
OH... THAT'S RIGHT.
THE RESULTS OF THE GAMES OF CHANCE MADE UP OUR SCORES FOR THE "PRACTICAL LUCK LEVEL TEST"...
WAY TO GO, BOTAN-CHAN!!
OH, NO, I...
THE ALGORITHM USED TO MEASURE YOUR INNER HAPPINESS LEVELS IS TOP SECRET, SO I CAN'T DISCLOSE IT TO YOU.
HOWEVER, STARTING NOW...
MMRGH...

Zz
...YOUR INNER HAPPINESS LEVELS...
...WILL BE CONNECTED TO YOUR SCHOOL LIVES TO AN EXTREMELY PROFOUND DEGREE.
PLEASE BEAR THAT IN MIND. ♡

KAAAN (BANG)
KOOON (BONG)
KIIIN (BING)
"INNER HAPPI-NESS LEVELS" ...
.....
.....
I'D COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT ASPECT OF THE TEST...
...BUT SHE DID MENTION IT.
THERE ARE TWO CATEGORIES TO THE EXAM—
CHA (TWIRL)
A PSYCHOLOGICAL HAPPINESS TEST AND A PRACTICAL LUCK TEST.

IF OUR "PRACTICAL LUCK LEVELS" WERE THE RESULTS OF OUR ACTIONS IN THE GAMES OF CHANCE...
...THEN OUR "PSYCHOLOGICAL HAPPINESS LEVELS" ARE HOW HAPPY WE FELT DURING THE TEST?
KATAN (SCRAPE)
THEY WERE MEASURING THAT?
...BUT...
CARD
...IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE ...?
HYOI (POP)
HMMM?
IS WHAT POSSI-BLE?
D—
DON'T SNEAK UP ON ME LIKE THAT, HANAKO!!
DOKI (JOLT)
BUT I DIDN'T!
I TRIED CALLING YOUR NAME, BUT YOU WERE SPACING OUT.
I-I WAS?
I'M SORRY, THEN. DID YOU WANT SOME-THING?

SOOO TODAY'S A HALF-DAY, RIGHT?
WE SHOULD ALL GO HANG OUT AFTER SCHOOL!
HANG OUT...? SURE, OKAY.
WHO'S GOING?
ME...
...HIBARI-CHAN, BOTAN-CHAN...
GUI (TUG)
...HIBIKI-CHAN...
...AND REN-CHAN!
HIBIKI TOLD YOU TO STOP CALLING HER THAT!!
H-HUH!?
HAGYUU-SAN AND EKODA-SAN ARE COMING?
F-FOR YOUR INFORMA-TION...
...WE ONLY AGREED TO GO BECAUSE THIS HAPPY-GO-LUCKY UNDER-PERFORMETTE WOULDN'T LEAVE US ALONE!!
"UNDER-PER-FORM-ETTE"?

PIKU (PERK)
K-KARA ...
...OKE?
LET'S GOOOO! IT'LL BE LOADS OF FUN. I PROMISE!!
ANYWAY, Y'KNOW THE CONVENIENCE STORE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER? A NEW KARAOKE PLACE OPENED UP NEAR IT!
PIYO!
PIYO! (BOUNCE)
BIKU (FLINCH)
DOKI (JOLT)
EH!?
OH? THAT'S AN INTERESTING REACTION.
DON'T TELL ME...
WAKU WAKU
SHALL WE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY, HIBARI-SAN?
HOW LUCKY!
WAKU (GIDDY)
...
I HAVE LOTS OF LEFTOVER COUPONS FROM MY BROTHER AND HIS FRIENDS ...
...IF YOU WANT.
SU (SWISH)
VERY HAPPY KARAOKE
50%OFF
...YOU'RE TONE-DEA—
MUGU (SQUOOSH)

OH MY WORD...
ARE YOU WORRIED THAT IF YOU HEARD MY GRATING, SEWAGE-LIKE SINGING VOICE...
HA (GASP)
あわわわ
AWAWAWA (PANIC)
...YOUR EARS WOULD ROT AND FALL OFF...!?
I-I AM SO SORRY...I WON'T UTTER A SINGLE WORD INSIDE THE KARAOKE ROOM. I PROMISE!
WHY WOULD I THINK SOMETHING SO AWFUL!?
YOU'RE A MON-STER...
THAT'S JUST GOING TOO FAR.
I SAID I DON'T THINK THAT!!
IT'S JUST... WELL...
...I...
I'VE NEVER GONE OUT...
...TO KARAOKE BEFORE...

I WAS RIGHT...
THAT'S WEIRD AT OUR AGE, ISN'T IT?
CHIRA (GLANCE)
.....
URGH ...!
GU (CLENCH)
WAI
BE GRATEFUL TO HIBIKI, WHO IS KIND LIKE BUDDHA!
LET'S GO! LET'S GOOO! ♫
YAAAY!
LUCKY FOR YOU, KARAOKE MASTER HIBIKI WILL TEACH YOU THE WAYS OF KARAOKE PERSONALLY IF SHE MUST!!
SO HOPE-LESS ...
WAI (CHATTER)
WHA —?
AH...!
I'LL SIT IN A CORNER AND NOT SAY A WORD...
...SO PLEASE ALLOW ME TO JOIN YOU...
LIAR!
I SAW THAT EVIL SMIRK!!

KARAOKE
When I close my eeeyes... ♫
...I can see it, always shimmering in the distance ~~ ...
A Milky Way for just the two of us... ♫
A fleeting Milky Way... ♫
JAAAAN (JANGLE)
WAAAH!
SHE HAS A TALENT FOR SINGING! ♡
YEAH ...
PACHI
PACHI (CLAP)
PACHI
PACHI
BUT I WONDER WHY SHE KEEPS PICKING OLD SONGS?

DO YOU GO TO KARAOKE A LOT, BOTAN?
OH, NO...AS A MATTER OF FACT, THIS IS MY FIRST EXPERIENCE IN AN ACTUAL KARAOKE BOX...
WE DO HAVE A SINGING FACILITY AT HOME WHICH I SOMETIMES USE.
F-"FACILITY"?
I'VE GONE BEFORE...WITH FRIENDS AND MY FAMILY AND SO ON!
ME TOO.
SO I'M THE ONLY ONE HERE WHO'S NEVER DONE ANY KIND OF KARAOKE BEFORE...
HERE! THE NEXT SONG IS YOURS...
...RURI HIBARI-GAOKA!
ZUI (SHOVE)
HUH!?
A-AL-READY?
BUT I'M NOT READY YET...!
DON'T CARE!
IT'S STARTING, SO SING!!
GO, GO, HIBARI-CHAN!
OHH...

すぅ
SUU (INHALE)
I'M... NOT TOO FAMILIAR WITH CURRENT SONGS, SO...
...I PICKED ONE I USED TO LISTEN TO A LOT...
THAT WAS A BEAUTIFUL SONG, HIBARI-SAN! ♡
HIBIKI IS BETTER THOUGH!
HMPH. THAT WAS SO... NORMAL!
コト
KOTO (TNK)
I—
I HOPE I WAS OKAY...
SFX: PACHI (CLAP) PACHI PACHI PACHI PACHI PACHI

...AND YET, SINGING IN FRONT OF OTHERS HAS BEEN SUCH A TALL ORDER!
I HAVE NO TROUBLE SPEAKING MY MIND IN FRONT OF PEOPLE...
TALK ABOUT EMBARRASSING...
FUU (SIGH)
DID YOU HAVE THE CD?
NO, NO.
MA— MY MOM WOULD SING IT WHILE GARDENING.
WHEW!
PATA (WAVE)
PATA
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THE TITLE. I'M GLAD I WAS ABLE TO LOOK IT UP BY THE LYRICS.
OKAY!
IT'S MY TURN TO SING NEXT!!
CHARARARARA (CHIME)
...HM?
THIS SONG...IS IT FROM A KIDS' ANIME?
IT SURE IS! IT'S PLAYING ON RERUNS RIGHT NOW!
THE MAIN CHARACTER'S A BUNNY, AND HE'S SUPER-COOL!!
THE THEME SONG...IT'S ALL ABOUT THE LIFE OF ARCTIC TAROU, AND IT FELTS SO EPIC...!
I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING IT. ♡
AH.
THIS IS A GOOD SONG.
LOVE IT.
!!
SUU (INHALE)

KIIIIIIIIN (SCREECH)
WH-WHAT'S THAT NOISE!?
MY EARS...!
KIIII (SCREE)
PROBABLY... AUDIO FEEDBACK FROM THE MIC...
BUT SHE HASN'T EVEN STARTED SINGING! AND THE SPEAKERS ARE SO FAR AWAY!
BIRI (THROB)
BIRI
KIIII
KIIIIIIN
KACHI (CLICK)

...AS SOON AS I PICK UP THE MICRO-PHONE...
AT EVERY KARAOKE PLACE I'VE EVER BEEN TO...
SHOOT...
NO GOOD, HUH...?
...IT ALWAYS MAKES THAT "SCREEEECH" SOUND!!
AWWWW!
EH?
.....
.....
WAI
WAI
WAI (CHATTER)
...CAN'T YOU SING A CAPPELLA?
IF A MICRO-PHONE WON'T WORK...
...YOU'VE NEVER SUNG KARAOKE EITHER...?
THEN... DOES THAT MEAN...
DON'T CALL HER "REN" LIKE YOU'RE FRIENDS!!
REN-CHAN, YOU'RE A GENIUS!
♫
OMIGOSH! I COULD!!
I THOUGHT IT WOULDN'T HAPPEN AT A NEW PLACE!
...

TEKU (FLIP)
TEKU
TEKU
KARA (CLACK)
Sensei!
I found the books you asked for!
YOU'RE WORKING LATE, TIMOTHY.
OH?
Yeah, it took longer than I thought!

THANK YOU.
NOW, IT'S ALREADY DARK.
YOU SHOULD GO TO THE CHARGING ROOM AND GET SOME REST.
Um...
Those are reference books for the second term "school festival," right?
MM-HM.
ARE YOU WONDERING WHY...
...YOU HAD TO LOOK FOR SUCH STRANGE BOOKS?
BIKU (JOLT)
ビクッ
Huh i?
Th-that never crossed my mind ...!
HEE HEE...
I CAN'T WAIT...
...FOR THIS YEAR'S "CULTURE FESTIVAL."
...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

TRANSLATION NOTES

Page 53
Kodeira-sensei is reciting a quote attributed to Shikanosuke Yamanaka, a samurai who lived in the 1500s. The quote is said to be a vow he made to the moon, swearing to restore the clan he served no matter the obstacles.

Page 90
In the Japanese-language version, Haneko is talking about Nezumi Kozou, a 19th-century thief who was said to steal from the rich to give to the poor, much like Robin Hood. The girls' head coverings resemble the typical image of Nezumi Kozou.

Page 114
In *Konjaku Monogatari*, a collection of tales compiled in the 12th century, one story depicts a monkey, a fox, and a rabbit who try to redeem themselves by looking for food for a destitute old man. When the rabbit is the only one who can't find any food, it throws itself into a fire to cook itself. The old man turns out to be the god Indra, and as a reward, Indra places its image on the moon.

FIELDS
MYSTERIOUS MANSION
*FLOWERS MARK THE SPOT
PADDY FIELDS
CONVENIENCE STORE
TURN RIGHT AT CAT
TENNOMIFUNE ACADEMY
SPORTS FIELD

Anne Happy♪

unhappy go lucky!

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